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ピーチガール
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We're stoked you joined our club
We're hearing that you're the hottest new student
Adoring looks
Adoring looks
Adoring looks
You're so totally cute, Sae
Adoring looks
Heh heh
She's here again.
That idiot
Yeah! I'll be there ♡
You're coming to tomorrow's welcoming party, right?
See ya tomorrow
Later, Sae!
Okay
My friend's calling me, so I gotta go
Sae!

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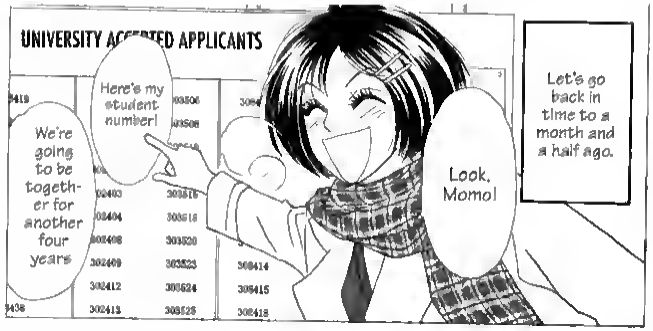

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTED APPLICANTS
We're going to be together for another four years
Here's my student number!
Look, Momo!
Let's go back in time to a month and a half ago.

The announcement of acceptance, accompanied by overflowing joy
What do you mean awful?! AWFUL?!
Ugh, how awful...

I'm sorry
But you don't have enough attendance units
Your grades aren't bad.
Huh?!

Kashiwagi
And the cursed voice which erased all of that.
You're being held back a year

I'll take make-up classes, anything! Please let me graduate!
That's impos
That can't be true! How can I be held back?!
sible!

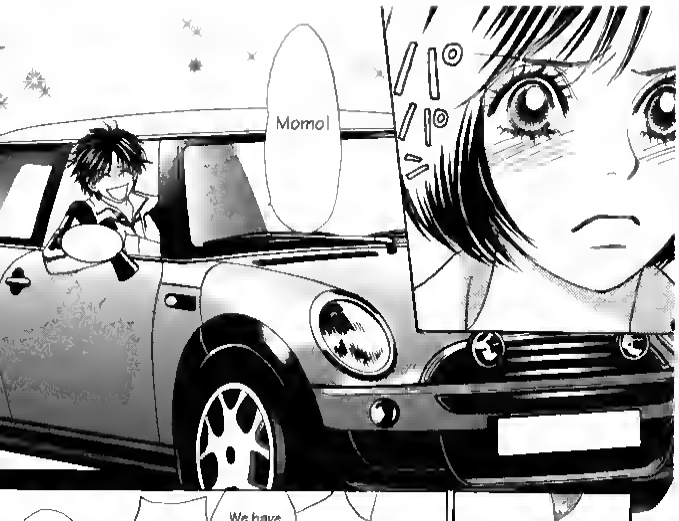
Sae.
Toji should have come here, too
But he had to go off to a good college by himself

College is so much fun!
Yay!
Every day's a party with clubs to visit

You're not a student here

You were **held back** a year, remember?

I know you don't want to admit the truth.
Wh
What do you mean?
Coming here is just running from reality


Momo!

You can't
You're not a classmate, Sae
I'll go with you!
We have a new students party thing
Where're you going?
Hot! Let's go

Sweet, right? I got a loan and bought it.
What's up with that car?!
When did you get your license?
No way!

You have your own school to go to, Sae
Big whoop! It's not fair, just the two of you.

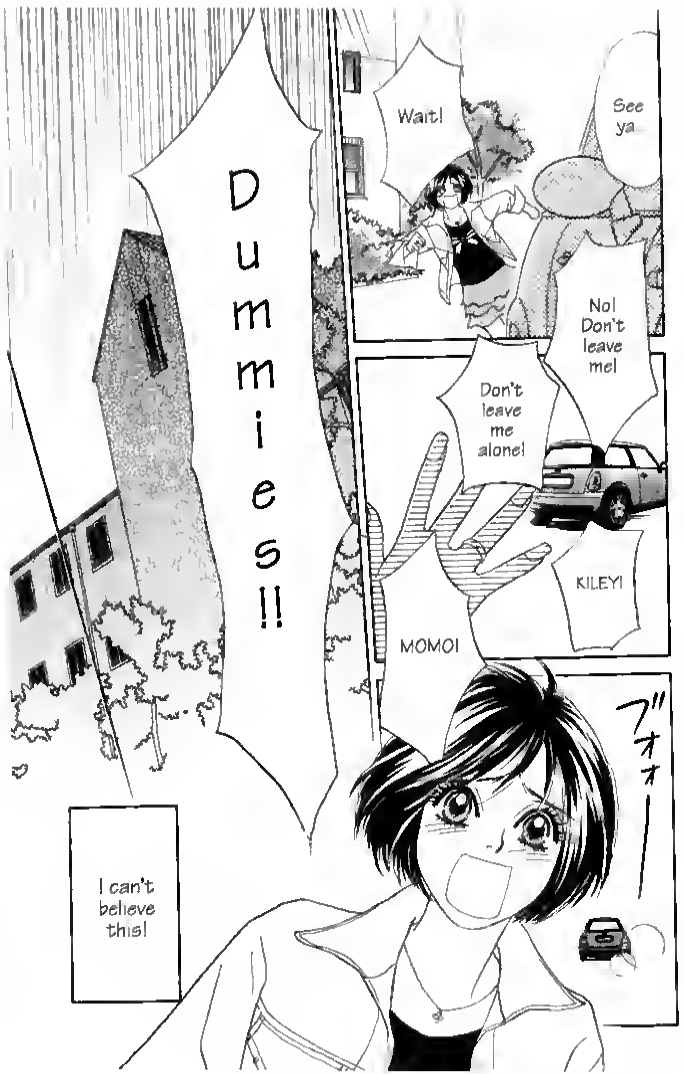
ヒュー
ぼーだ
ろうか
あり
It was final. Sae flunked her senior year.

Sae, totally
The second times not a charm
You can still make it to school today
If you keep skipping classes you're going to be held back

You should use this year to take a good look at yourself.
I'm sure this is a shock for you, but don't go blaming us.

Then you should have told me before, obviously.
I'm saying this because I'm worried about you!
Excuse you- Don't act conceited just because you graduated!
I did tell you, but you didn't listen and screwed around instead!

Sae!
How could I be held back after I got accepted?
チョン チョン
After all, I did get accepted
What's with that outfit?
Masaki and Moe were both good kids who didn't need cause any trouble
Why are you like this?
Were you planning to skip school and go out again?
What about school?!
Hurry up and change and get to school!!
I feel like I'm cursed.
I don't want another call from school.
Give me a break, Sae


Dummies!!
Wait!
See ya
No! Don't leave me!
Don't leave me alone!
KILEY!
MOMO!
ブォォー
I can't believe this!

It doesn't make sense.
My life wasn't supposed to turn out this way.
Where did I go wrong?
Why do I have to wear this uniform again...?
Why?
Why me...?
Right about now, that stupid Kiley and Momo are having fun driving together to college
Without a care in the world.

ぎゅう
It's like I used up all my luck
I dread feeling terrible and it's still early morning
ぎゅう
ha ha ha
3-3
Whaaaat

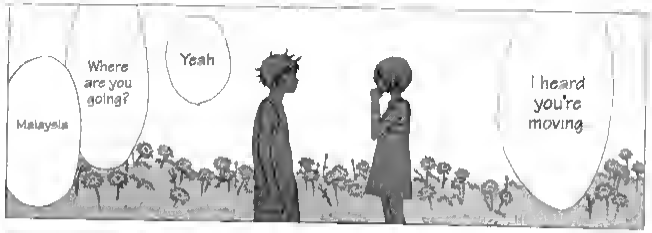
Who's that?
You know the uh...
I don't know anybody
Ahhh
カラッ

Gyaaahhhh!!
Sae?
What is it?
The
The window
There's a guy at the window!
Oh my god I'd better call the police
There's nobody
He disappeared in a flash!
Like a monkey!
Really?

Oww
The peeping tom!!

I wouldn't be able to come back
I thought she was a senior last year
Y'know
It's so sad to get held back in high school
This class sucks
Hey you
That's my seat, honey

Kyaaaaaaa!?
What's with him?
He's in the same class as me!
Nooooooo! He's disgusting! He's disgusting! He's disgusting!
Wait!
He's chasing me!
Okayasu !!
Help me!!
What's up?
A pervert !!
Huh?
He's coming after me!!
He was peeping on me while I was changing!!
He's wearing our high school uniform
Sae!!
Huff
Huff


Malaysia
Where are you going?
Yeah
I heard you're moving

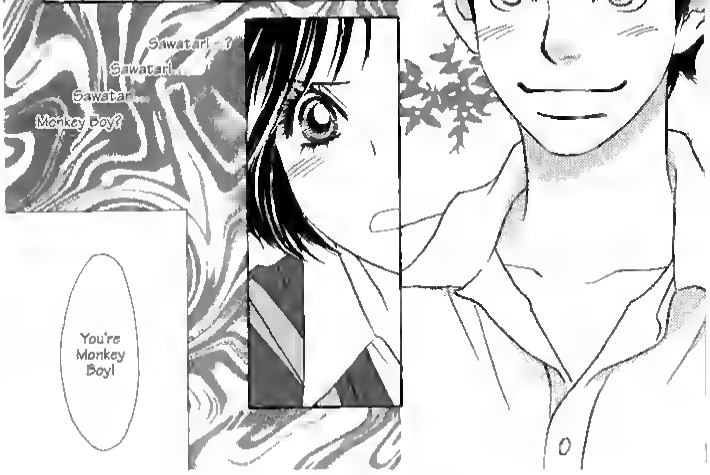
I don't want you to move, Monkey.
No
That far?
It takes like seven hours to get there by plane
Somewhere in East Asia
Where's Malaysia?

I'll come back, and we'll get married.
I'll come back when I grow up
Okay

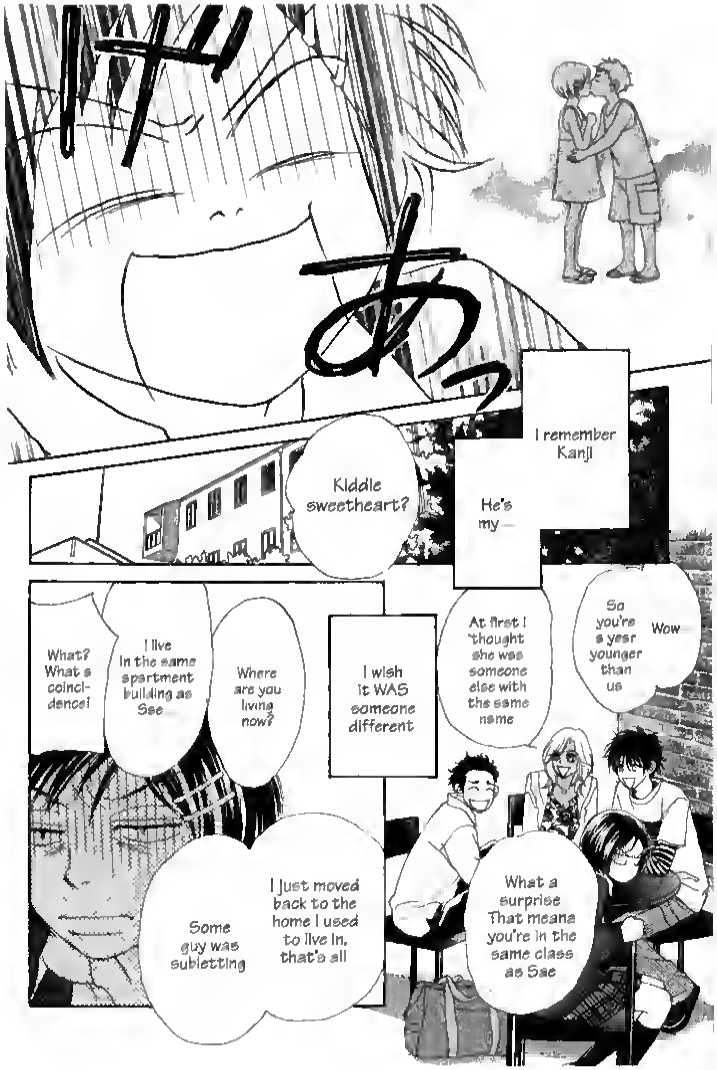
Who
Who are you?

I couldn't catch up with you, even on my bike
You're really fast on your feet.
You surprised me

Kanji Sawatari
You don't remember me?


Sawatari...?
Sawatari
Sawatari
Monkey Boy?
You're Monkey Boy!

Why did I think he was cool back then?
He's wearing short sleeves even though it's April
He's just a big dorky monkey.
That's impossible...
wearing flip-flops even though it's cold.
How could this guy be my first kiss?
Oh!
So that's why she thought you were peeping in on her
I used to go to Sae's to play by climbing over the balcony
あはは
Hey!!
Well
So what color was her underwear? What size was her bra?
Hey now
Oh oh my god
He couldn't possibly remember our promise.
What kind of girl was Sae when she was little?
Sae, you sure turned out pretty
I wish I could erase my entire past!

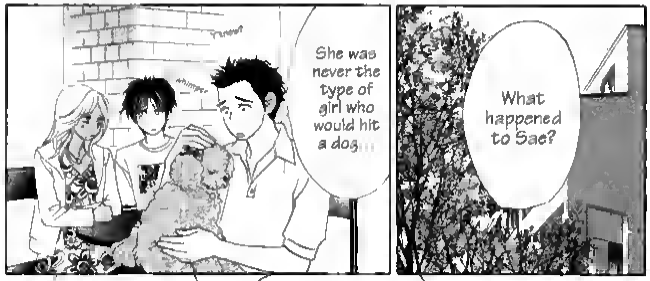

あっ
Kiddie sweetheart?
He's my—
I remember Kanji
What? What a coincidence!
I live in the same apartment building as Sae
Where are you living now?
Some guy was subletting
I just moved back to the home I used to live in, that's all
I wish it WAS someone different
At first I thought she was someone else with the same name
So you're a year younger than us
Wow
What a surprise That means you're in the same class as Sae

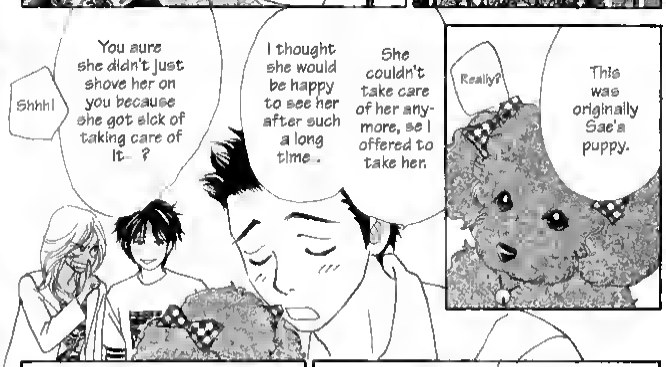
あっは
You sure turned out to be energetic, Sae
Pfft
No way!
Why not?
I'm interested in hearing about Sae's childhood
Bring a photo album next time
Oh shit!
Huh? A dog?
クーン クーン
ガリガリ
That spirit of yours was something to see
So you got over your asthma?
That's great
Look Sora, It's Sae!
ふぉっ
Sorry
She's the picture of health!
Sick?
She was held back this year because she was sick, right?
Huh?
And she had asthma, so she was sick a lot. She liked staying at home and reading. She was a quiet girl.
She was really skinny You'd think she'd break if you poked her
Quiet?!
Sae?!
Not at all
She was kind of a recluse but she was really nice
Oh, and she was sort of a crybaby.
Did she do anything terrible to you?
Seriously, was she super selfish?
Stop talking about the past!
Hey!
!!
And that was about the time I was moving to Malaysia...

Don't bring that thing near me!
Sae, how could you do such a thing?
What?
I hate dogs!
Gyaaaaah!!
Help!
Woof!

I never want to go back to being sickly, fragile Sae
He could drag me back down to my past!
He's dangerous
Life sucks bad enough as it is
Crap. .

I'll take you on my bike
Let's go to school.
You haven't left yet?
There you are, Sae!


She was never the type of girl who would hit a dog...
What happened to Sae?


Shhh!
You sure she didn't just shove her on you because she got sick of taking care of it...?
I thought she would be happy to see her after such a long time.
She couldn't take care of her anymore, so I offered to take her.
Really?
This was originally Sae's puppy.

I see...
I don't know
When I first met her, she was already like that
Momo, do you know why Sae turned out this way?

You said you were going to the college club party today, right?
Knock it off
Heh heh
これっ
There you are, Sael
They think we're a couple.
Why am I being considered in the same league as this idiot?
I think you'd better not go today...
From what I heard, that club doesn't have a good reputation when it comes to their events
Sael!
My sael
Aghhhhhhh!!

Oh?
げんなり
That's Kley's...
That's so cute
Look, a high school couple

Besshi
Sae !!!
This car is so cool!
Thanks
You're looking cute again today
Right on
I totally wanna come!
It's still a little early, but you wanna come anyway?
Oh yeah, about today's party. Our team's already started in
Hurry up!!
Just go!
Who's that?
げっ
Don't go!!
Sae !!
I'm better than him!!
シャッ
I can't accept this!!
女子トイレ
Girls Restroom
College Girl Kit
There are rumors about guys getting freshmen girls drunk and then taking advantage of them
Oh
Yeah..
About that bad reputation
What did you mean by that just now?
I don't know if that's true about Sae's club, but...

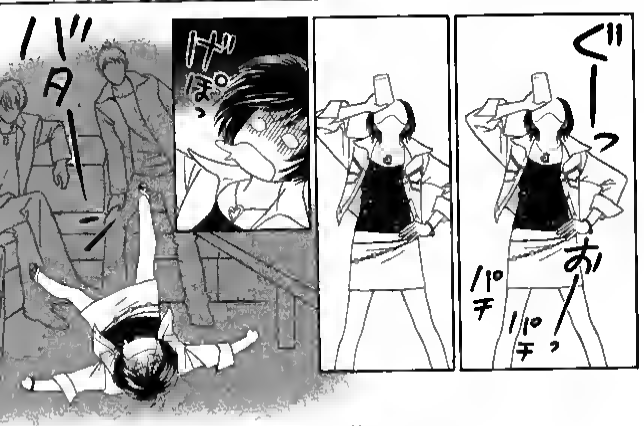
バウ
You got it!
はあっ
はあっ

!
Arggggghhhhh!
Urahhh!
He's following me like a dog and I can't stand it! Lose him!
Who is that?
Friend of yours, Sae?
What?!
Crazy freak!
He's following us!

...I can forget all the bad things
When I let loose
Sing it!
Look at me, everyone!
Sae baby !!!!
Lift me up, higher, higher!!

Yeahhhhh!!
Is everybody drinking?
Then let's get wasted!!
Yeahhh!
Way to guzzle!
This is so much fun.
さぁはは!
Keep it coming, dudes!

I can't drink any more.
Here's another drink
Sorry. It's a penalty drink
Go for it, Sae!!
She loves it!



This is my number Sae loves to cause trouble, so if anything happens, give me a call
Where should I look ?
I can't find Sae
What should we do, Sora?
But I know how to find out Try the GPS tracking thingy
I don't know.
The location of the party?
Wait! Momo might know!

"I heard that club doesn't have a good reputation when it comes to their events."
Whoa, whoa, whoa
See, it's dangerous to get up
But I don't have any strength...
Oh no...
Somebody!
No...
Momo...
Kiley...

Works like a charm every time.
That's good stuff
Vodka is the nectar of the gods.
Gets 'em good
Stop it!
You fell down, so we were taking care of you.
What is this...?
I'm going home!!
Here, we'll undress you
It must be uncomfortable with all your clothes on
Oh, you're awake?
Hm...
Huh...?
What am I doing...?
!?

What the...?

?!

You must have been scared
That was a pretty ugly scene

ぴぴーん
ぴぴーん
カッ!!

Surprised?
You're used to what .?
I've gone through this lots of times
If I was shocked every single time, I'd never be able to handle it
The Sae you knew doesn't exist anymore
I'm not the girl I used to be
W--
What?
It's such a hassle to find her when she goes into privacy but we all have these GPS phones now
Momo told me
How did you know to find me there?
I'm glad you're all right, Sae
But...
I guess you're not really all right
It's no big deal.
I'm fine.
I'm used to this

You're going to be my bride
You're a girl, Sae.
You need to treat yourself better
You shouldn't get used to that kind of thing
W-
What are you talking about?
Oh, you don't remember? You know, that day before I moved...
Ha!
I forgot that old story!
After all...
Oh, you're just being shy That's so cute.
Knock it off It's gross!

Aghhhhh!!
Kyaaaa!
The fact that I thought this Monkey Boy was cool for even a split second...
That has to be the reason.
...It had to have been because I was drunk.

13"
Now do you remember?

Hello! Thank you for buying this book. It's been about a year since my last book. Now then, it's already been announced in the weekly magazine (in which *Peach Girl: Sae's Story* is published) that *Peach Girl* is going to become an animated TV series! (updated 12.02.2004) By the time this book is published, the series should have aired on TV Tokyo, so if you're interested, please tune in! Here's how it happened: I got the news about the series at the end of September, then there were some meetings and people checking out character designs and TV stuff like that, which took until the middle of November. That left only a month and a half until the airdate in January... I thought that animated TV series were produced several months before their airdates, but I guess they get turned around in a really short period of time. What a surprise! I assumed that with digital technology, things have gotten a little easier, but drawing is still done by hand. That's cool. I'm really nervous but excited to see how it turns out! ~Miwa

Ever since then .
Nothing could be more annoying
...stupid Monkey Boy has gotten cocky
Don't ever come again!!
I'll come by later to pick you up, my honey!
...acting like he's my (future) husband
I'm never going to marry you, got it?!
Monkey Boy, the statute of limitations on that promise we made as kids has long expired!! You hear me? Expired!!
And we've known Kanji since he was little
You should be thankful that someone would want a spoiled brat like you
Why don't you marry him?
Oh, stop it.
Who would ever, with that . monkey!
Who's your wife?!
Don't be so bashful, my lovely wife
Stop peeping, you pervert!

ぐちゃら〜
You're the last one I want to hear that from.
You're just a lazy housewife who lives to spend your husband's money
You leave all of the cleaning to the housekeeper who barely even comes
This living room kicks up with dust every time I walk through it
You've managed to maintain a decent appearance
But on the inside you're just like this dirty room
チーン
You wish
Where's mine?
Oh, that looks good

If you want to meet a good man, then you have to become a good woman first
You understand that part?
I've got the right to choose my husband!
Mother! Don't say such dreadful things!
I would never settle for that loser!
I'm going to have lots of opportunities to meet men in the future!
You think?
I have no idea where you've been going
But there's no way you'll find a good man leading such a loose lifestyle.
But you do leave the house in your school uniform
And after everything that's happened, you still haven't been going to school—have you?

Tch.
Well, sorry for being such a bad daughter.
I think I've gained some weight lately
Really? I haven't noticed
It's not a lot, but I have
I don't think it's very healthy
And besides—
—why doesn't Dad complain one bit about this terrible wife of his?
Come to think of it—
Oh, honey
I have a favor to ask you
A favor?
I want to join that new gym
Do what-ever you like
Thank you, dear!
—I want to keep my figure so that I can always be your pretty wife—
What are you making a fuss about so early in the morning?
Buzz off, Mom
You're a housewife— make it yourself!
Why didn't you make some for me?
ガキャッ
You're so stingy!
Honey!
Sae
Don't do anything to embarrass us
She's got zero respect for her parents
Sae is always talking back

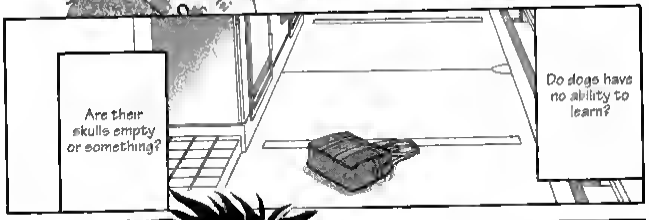
Hey, Sora!
たたっ
SORA
Monkey Boy!!
Gyaaaaaah!!
Sorry, my honey
She jumped out when I opened the door
Do something about this dog!!
than a tired maid
I suppose my dad would rather have a pretty wife
Good morning
Good morning
I guess some women care more about their looks than what's inside.
She is gagging me
Hey!
But I could never grovel like that ..
Had to comment there
は、は、
は、
クゥーン
ピクッ

And he's the same
ポン
ゴン

I needed to find a better man
I needed to find a love that will change my life

Are you going to skip again?
Shut up Don't follow me
Hey Sae... what about school?

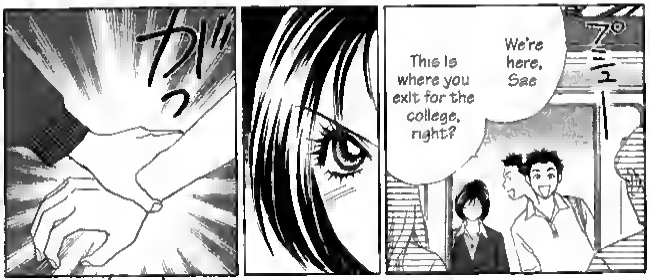
I just smacked it around the other day.
Is that dog stupid or what?
I swear !!
Some people hate dogs, so don't let it wander around like that!
Hurry up and get rid of it!
Why is it coming up to me all happy?


Are their skulls empty or something?
Do dogs have no ability to learn?

My good morning kiss
What?
Sae, hey! You forgot something

I don't remember that
Huh?
Since when do you hate dogs, Sae?
You used to adore Sora.
Don't let that dog near me again
I can't stand it when it even comes near me
Don't you think you should get over your hatred for dogs now?
When you marry me, Sora is going to be part of the package, y'know?
—I have no intention of marrying you!!
Look! How many times do I have to tell you . . .

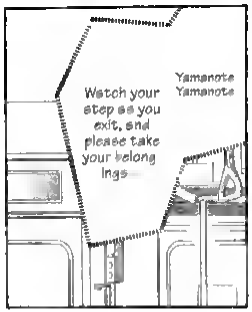
It's nice that you do whatever you want to do
Wow
It's such a nice day today
It's my business whatever I do!
Something like this in the past...
I just remembered something
What is it?
By the way
I thought he was going to lecture me...


カリ
We're here, Sae
This is where you exit for the college, right?

Kyaaaaa! It's a molester!

This person is a molester!
What is it?
Huh?

You're short, and you're a geek, you've got a face like a monkey!
I hate you!
Plus you're a pervert and a stalker, and everything about you is annoying!


Watch your step as you exit, and please take your belong ings
Yamanote Yamanote

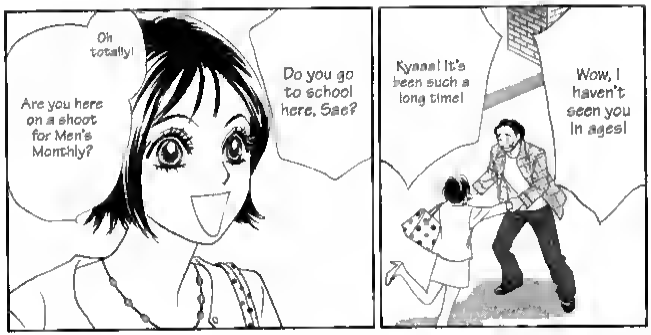
What progress you've made!
You're totally able to express yourself now
Wow, Sae!
パチ パチ パチ

You've got your uglies and the uncool. It's like mixing rocks with gemstones. And right now it's 90 percent rocks.
Just because it's a university doesn't mean it's crawling with good men.
Makeup, will you fix her hair please?
Okay, we're going to shoot here next!
How am I going to find a high quality gem out of this?
CCI That fashion magazine that's hot with the college girls!
Oh really?
It's for CC Maga zine
What are they shooting?

Sorry.
What?
Huh?
You, come with me!
I live for confrontation.
You're in my way
S-
Sac!
But

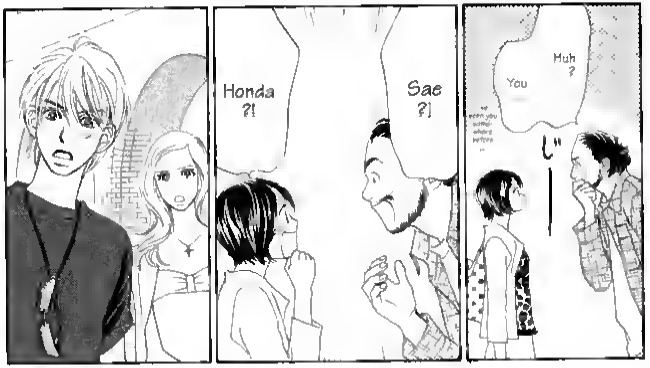
Now give me an eye line
That's good, Ai
A hottie! That's very much my type!
I could fall in love with that
Huh?
Hey, you!
Oh!

Here we go
get closer to each other, be friendly
Ai, Ta kuma
A precious gem!
There he is!


Oh totally!
Are you here on a shoot for Men's Monthly?
Do you go to school here, Sae?
Kyaaa! It's been such a long time!
Wow, I haven't seen you in ages!

Oh please.
And you've gotten very handsome, Honda.
I'm serious! It's like you've become more graceful. You're like a mature gentleman now!
Wow, but you've gotten even prettier since I last saw you, Sae.
Oh, really?
No, I work with CC now.
Are you still modeling?
No, not really—
That's such a shame You're a great subject.

I got in the way
I'm sorry!
Come on - we're shooting here You have to move!


Honda ?!
Sae ?!
You
Huh ?

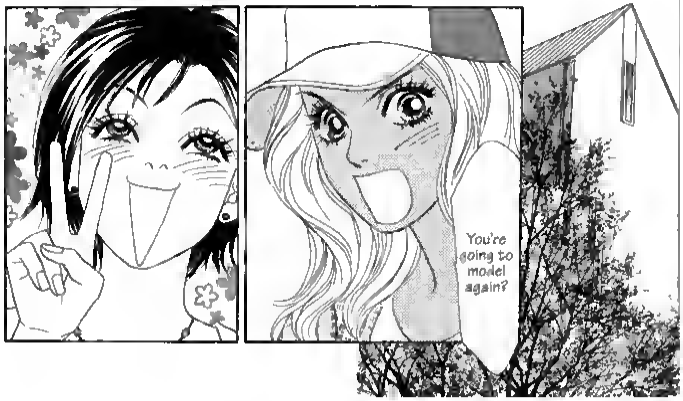
He completely pleaded with me to come back and model again.
Nose way up
He's with CC now
I bumped into Honda from Men's Monthly by accident!

Shut up!
If he finds out, then he finds out!
Don't be such a drag when I'm finally motivated Gawd, Momo.
I can't worry about something that hasn't happened yet

What happens if he finds out that you're not a student?
Peach

If he checks the student directory, he'll find out instantly
Don't be so negative
And he might find out that you've been held back a year

I'd love to
Sure.
I'd like to have a chat and catch up with you
Hey Sae, do you have some time today?
ごめーん

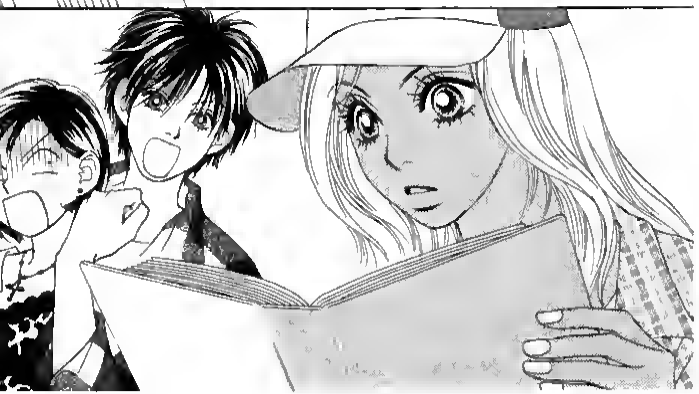

You're going to model again?

What's wrong with that?
She can't stand anything unless she's the center of attention
Women and vegetables sell when they're the freshest!
You couldn't stand it, so you quit. Duh
All these new models started debuting, and they drew all the attention away from you
Heeeeeey!
Whatever, Kiley.
The pretend part I didn't need
フッ
You better get to selling then. The "pretend student"
Whatever.
Hey!
Kanji Sato, remember?
It's that guy, Kanji
!!

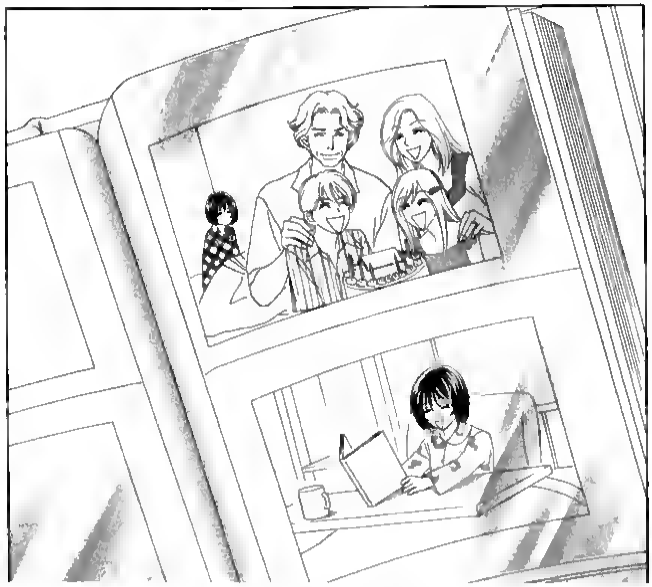
I just realized that to grab the gems, you have to go where they gather
Huh?
Gems?
Nevermind. You rocks will never understand
Why do you even want to model again, anyway?
ニヤリ
Do what ever you like
You can do whatever
I don't care
What a bitch!
うわっ
That's not it.
No...
It just got boring...
Come to think of it, there was a guy with that name
Was it uncomfortable being there after breaking up with Gigolo?
Come to think of it, why did you quit modeling in the first place?

キャー
Don't look!
I wanted to see what you looked like as a kid
I wanted to see them
?!!
I'll kill you if you look!
No!
What's the matter? Let me see!
Gyaa-aaaaaahhhh! Let me go, you idiot!
Now, Momo!!
カッ

The passengers on the train vouched for my innocence
I thought you got hauled away by the police.
Oh, Momo
Here's that thing I promised you
What the hell?
I was mistaken for a pervert on the train
What are you talking about?
It's no big deal
What?
What promise?
Wowww! Thank you!
Sae's childhood photos.



Nooooooo!
Don't look!
Stop it!
パラ



You're the worst.
You think it's funny making fun of people?
I'm sorry...
I didn't mean to

No way...
This is really Sae ..?
ばっ
It doesn't look anything like you —

ひゅ
ぜい
ぜい
Maybe she's not really a legitimate child of that family
Why do I have to suffer so much?
Why am I so ugly?
Nobody wants me.
If I die, no one will be sad.
I'll bet I'll die before I grow up.

... that was a sore subject for her
I guess
She's the only one who's so weak
She doesn't look like anyone in her family, does she?

I wish I could just erase it
To think there was a time like that
I really wanted to marry you...
You were so cute back then
What are you say-ing?
It's not a blot at all

Sae
It's a blot on my past
I'm sorry .
I didn't think you'd be so angry .

I had my past sealed away all this time.
Why do I have to remember it now?
I just wish he would disappear.
Sae

I told you not to say those things!
That Sae no longer exists!
Stop dreaming already! You stupid Monkey Boy!

I'm an avid reader of Men's Monthly
Actually... I've known about you from before, Sae
Huh?
Oh
I was a fan during high school. I'm sure that if I look around I could find clippings from those days
Thank you.
So that's it.
You really surprised me back there
I was like it's her, in person? No way!
I'm serious
No way
Really?

Ah...
Nice to meet you
Nice to meet you I'm Sae
The rare gem!
I saw you back there
I'm Takuma Motomura
Uh...

You dropped this
ちら
ぐっ
Oh
I gotta go

Maybe
..this could be...
I'm stoked
it's so great to be able to meet you like this
Sae
パンパカパーン
a meeting of destiny?!

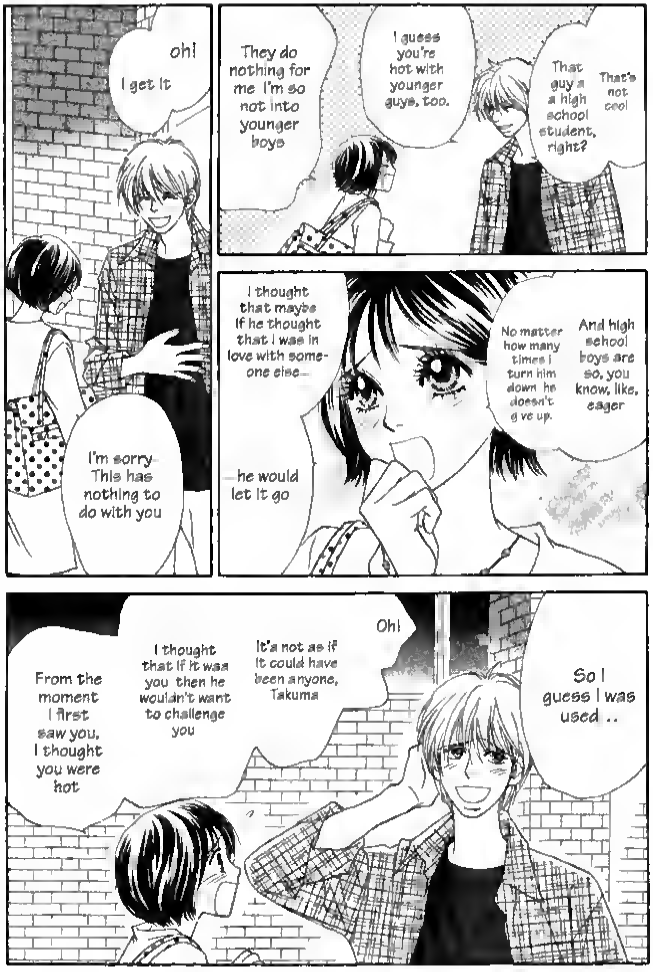
I'm in love with this boy.
So will you stop following me around?

I'm sorry
Sae
Uh
That boy keeps coming on to me and it's such a pain. I told him that I can't date him and turned him down, but he followed me all the way here
I'm sure you were surprised when I blurted that out.
Huh?
Oh yeah
I'm still trippin' out.

Peach Club!

Hi again! When I came to Tokyo for a meeting about the animated TV series, I went out to eat with a manga artist friend on the way back. He asked me since now that it's decided that I'm doing an animated TV series, have I started the *Sae's Story* series yet? Oh no! I was vaguely thinking about *Sae's Story* about six months before *Peach Girl* ended, but it has nothing to do with the animated series. I drew the preview for *Sae's Story* in July. I got the offer for the animated series in September, so it was truly a bolt out of the blue! And think about it! A ganguro (darkly tanned) heroine in this day and age? I'm a bit embarrassed, even as the creator, but I hope you enjoy it. Personally, I'm most looking forward to seeing how big-mouth Sae turns out. I have no idea how the opening title sequence is going to be or what voice talent they're going to use, but I heard that Sonin is going to sing the end title sequence. They they asked her without any expectations, but it turned out she had the perfect new single coming out. Yay! See you again in Book 2! ~Miwa

Really?
Oh totally!
You promised to go shopping with me, remember?
I looked everywhere for you!
Takuma!


oh!
I get it
I'm sorry. This has nothing to do with you
They do nothing for me. I'm so not into younger boys
I guess you're hot with younger guys, too.
That guy's a high school student, right?
That's not cool
I thought that maybe if he thought that I was in love with someone else—
—he would let it go
No matter how many times I turn him down he doesn't give up.
And high school boys are so, you know, like, eager
From the moment I first saw you, I thought you were hot
I thought that if it was you then he wouldn't want to challenge you
It's not as if it could have been anyone, Takuma
Oh!
So I guess I was used..

As for the macho factor, he's about even with Kiley
I think his name was Takuma or something
You don't know about him? He's got kind of long hair and looks like a player
Sae's in love with somebody?
I mean, if there was somebody she would so be blabbing about him
I don't know
You're such a nice guy
Modeling?
Oh, right
She said she started modeling again, so maybe it's somebody connected with that
Or knowing her, she might actually believe that she is.
But she might be now
That would mean that Sae wasn't in love with Takuma before, right?
Oh, so that's why she said she was going back into modeling all of a sudden
Which means it could be some guy that she just met
I get it now

The model from that shoot.
Sorry, sorry
Let's go
I'm sorry, Sae
I'll see you later
Come on!
Just when it was getting good
Fine with me (bitch)

That's why you should just hang back for now
Then that means that no matter what I do, it's going to be worthless!
Well, Sae is more alive and strong now
It would be better if Sae could accept her past.
And I don't know if I can stand watching it
I'm so worried
But to me it looks like she tries too hard

If you chase her now, she might run even harder to Takuma
If I were you, I would pull back and wait and see
Wait and see?
Oh, what happened to the photo album?
It's dirty.
Why?
She said it was a dark blot in her life
It seems she threw it away
Sae threw it into the garbage
Yeah
That's probably why she won't accept you, Kanji.
She must really hate her old self
Like, she remembers her past when she sees you even if she doesn't want to
Great.
But there's no reason to throw it away.
It's true that you'd never imagine she used to look like this. Judging by how Sae is now
She really didn't want anyone to see those pictures

He rescued me out of a tight spot, and I want to thank him
It's not that.
What? Do you have your sights set on Takuma?
Good work, everyone
The other models?
Like Takuma
Where are the other models today?

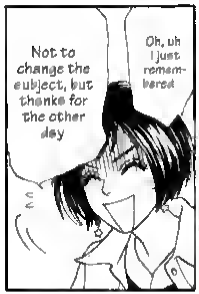
Since you go to the same college, I'm sure you'll run into each other eventually
Motomura, Takuma
Age 19 years old
Social Studies second year
Car yes Girlfriend ?
Job experience 2 years
Sun sign Leo
Takuma is a year above you in the Social Studies department

I can't let this rare gem that I've finally found get away
I can't sit around waiting for "eventually" to happen
There he is!

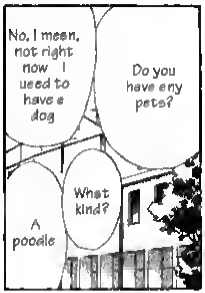
He's not here
キョロ
キョロ
チュン
チュン
Maybe he finally caught a cold yesterday
That stupid Monkey Boy!

Photography Studio
Studios 1 - 6
Recording Studio
Okay!
Now smile.
That's a keeper
Nice

I really love dogs and cats
Their fur is so soothing to me
Ah ha ha...


Not to change the subject, but thanks for the other day
Oh, uh I just remembered

Ohhhhhhhh! When they're trimmed, they look like little bears


Do you have any pets?
No, I mean, not right now I used to have a dog
What kind?
A poodle

I bet it's tough when you're so popular as you are
When you start modeling again, aren't you going to have more fans chasing after you?
Thanks so much, Tokuma
After you helped me, that high school boy hasn't been following me
I'm so glad
Oh... really?

Tokuuuuuma aaaa!
I know totally wild!
I've never seen you on campus before
What a coincidence

The editor just wrote whatever he felt like writing
Especially here

Likes: "The soft and furry feel of animals"
I totally relate to that.

Hey, look Here's your profile, See
When I read this, I thought that you seemed like a really nice girl
Really?

Oh take a look at this.
Kyaaaaaa!
I haven't seen these in a long time
I looked around and found them

Then you two aren't dating?
Nope
ぱぁぁ
Then can I declare myself a candidate?
But Sae, you don't know anything about me
I don't
But from the moment I met you, I felt something special!
What?

What?
But what about that pretty girl the other day?
Isn't she your girlfriend?
No way
Me?
Oh, please! Aren't you fighting off the girls with a stick?
She's just a work friend
She might like me, though
?!
But she hasn't said anything about it since then
I was flattered
She told me about three months ago
How do you know?
Do you like her back?
Oh
Oh, really?

Wow.
Okay

Things are starting to go my way
And I'm back as a maid!
I got my rare gem
Yeah!!

I really want to go out with you!
And I want to know more about you, Takuma.
It made me happy when you said you remembered me

ばったり
Bam!
Oh!
Welcome back
つん
So give up on me already
Oh, by the way, I was serious about that guy you saw me with
Laughs

ひょこ
ひょこ
Mommy, a doggie!
Oh, isn't she cute!
Is your doggie hurt?
Yeah a long time ago.
How did she get hurt?
I'm not sure She got away from me, and when she came back, she was hurt
Get better get better
Poor doggie

That's it?
No problem
Thank you, Takuma I love you!
Something like that would have been nice
You're so cute I love you, too.
Thank you, Takuma I love you!
That's up to you, Sae
Hey, wait When's our next date?
Okay I'll see you soon
Thanks for today I had fun
I'll let you know if I'm booked
I'll go whenever works for you
When do you want to go out?
Huh?

Already?
It's barely spring
Really?
I feel like shopping for a swimsuit!
Wherever you want to go, Sae
Hey, Takuma, where do you want to go next?
Ta-daa-aaa
How do I look?
Yayyy!
Perfect!
It's a present for you
Sae, let me get this
That'll be $80

It would be better if he acted like a man and made a move
I see Maybe that's it.
The passive type
Wow, this is amazing!
Really?
Oh, great.
It's good!
Hah hah I worked hard to pay you back for the bathing suit
I re-stuffed the actual (bento food) from a convenience store.
You made this your self, Sae?
It's probably someone's dog who lives in the neighborhood Old folks like to take walks around here
What's a dog doing on campus?!
wh--
Hey, stop John!
Hey a puppy
How cute!
が
?!!
じ——っ
How can you be so nonchalant?!
See yuh!
I just don't know
You guys are psych majors Explain this to me
It's been a week since we started dating, and he hasn't even kissed me
It's nice that he's letting me decide But I have no idea what he's thinking
Maybe he's a gentleman and is waiting for a signal from you
You decided to start dating, so maybe he's letting you be in charge
I'm sure he's popular with the girls.
What does he think of me?

がっぷ
Hey!
Sorry!
Ah ha ha! So you came.
You don't want to pet him?
He sure is... cute.
Uh
uh...
shrinking back
Ah, look, Sael
He's so fluffy

だり
I see a lot of different types of people here
Sometimes neighbors and random workers eat lunch in the cafeteria
Oh
oh really
スポ
Hey!
だう

I dug the thrill of trying to get my hands on their dudes.
And before I met Momo, I faced off against lots of other girls.
It was fun when I was squaring off against stupid Momo.

But once I get him, I'm over it.
It's always really intense when I'm chasing after a guy.

Come to think of it... Is Ryo the only guy I seriously dated?
And that was my one and only disaster.

プッ
ファサ
ブルブルブル
ヒぉっ

It's so exhausing trying to date without destroying your image.
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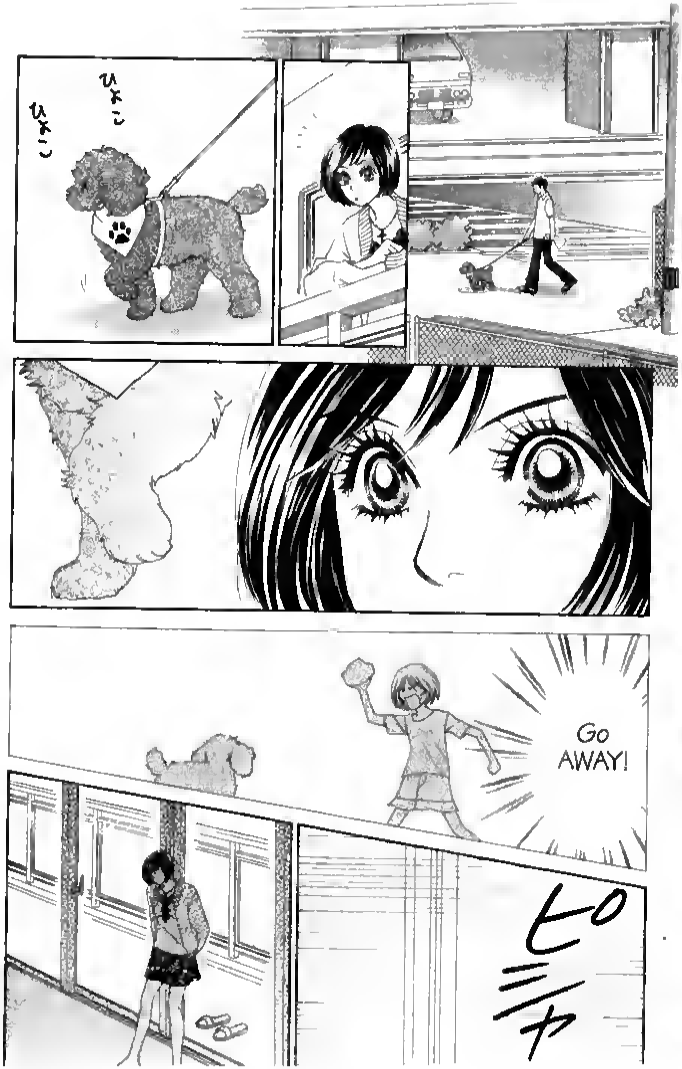
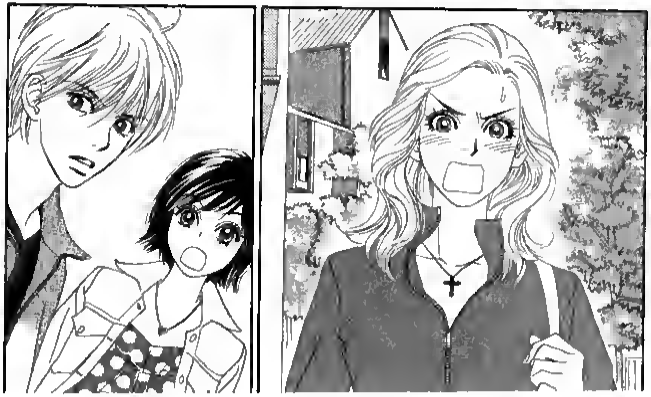

ひょこ
ひょこ
Go AWAY!
ヒロミヤ

Maybe i'm really sucky at relation-ships ...
I'm finally getting it now.
How am I supposed to keep this up with Takuma?
Crap!
And anyway, what is this relationship?
How do other couples keep their connec-tion hot?
He's not even that much fun.
Will he get cooler if I keep dating him?

Look, it's her
Wow
She looks good
Is this Sae?
Everyone is starting to get how hot I am
Excellent
You think?
Whaaaat?
You're becoming quite the star, Sae
You're getting a good rep with my friends, Sae

Hey
Look!
Look here
I wish I could wear clothes like that
Let me see! Let me see!
Hey, it's the new issue of CC.
Wow, college girls are so cool
Isn't this Sae Kashiwagi?
She doesn't even come to her classes here
She's not in college
What's she doing in CC?
Whaaat? The loser who got held back?!

Takuma!



But I also wish that you'd be a star just for me
Hmmm I'd be happy
Would it make you happy if I was a big star, Takuma?
Really?
I'm always going to be faithful to you, Takuma
Don't worry

I told you so many times that I liked you!
What are you talking about?!
You never told me what you wanted to do
I never meant to be mean

Knock it off Let's not do this here

We just had a misunder-standing
Just calm down
What about my feelings?!
I can't stand this

We can't help it if we run into Sae by acci-dent, can we?
Okay, Sora, we're only here to give you a walk today
Hey—!

Okay
Let's go

You just FORGOT to tell me? How can you be so mean?
Don't tell me you're dating this girl?
What is this? What's up?

!!
Everyone at school is talking about your photos in CC, Sae
What are you doing here?!
Sae?
Come here!!
どん
Sorry, I have to run!
But things are definitely more interesting
I don't really get what's going on here
But this girl will be fun to squash
わく
わく
Whoa Wait a minute I should be cool about another rival
Wha...?

I'm not this noble person you seem to think I am
Stop giving me so much credit!
As long as I can enjoy the present I don't care about the future
I don't care about lame high school
Disappointed?
I'll tell you something that will disappoint you even more
SORA
Then why are you even here?!
I wouldn't do a thing like that
If you tell anyone I've been held back in high school I'll kill you!!
I'm worried you're distancing yourself more and more from school...
I saw you in the magazine
You had the strength to overcome your illness as a kid
You can always start over, Sae
I can't go back there right now
Even if I did, I'd stand out and feel so stupid
Are you ever coming back, Sae?

裏ビーチガール

I did that to her
SORA
That dumb dog limps when she walks, right?
I hit that mutt with a BIG ROCK a long time ago
To be continued in volume 2

I don't need
any girlfriends

I can't trust chicks.

EXTRA
CHAPTER
Girl meets girl

Now that I think about it, I was always treated as an outsider
Even if I thought that I had made a friend...
One day, out of the blue, I had a rude awakening
That's why girls hate me
Kashiwagi
Come with us
I already know that
She's cute
Who's that?
That's Sae Kashiwagi Freshman

This kind of thing happens every day
I'm sorry. It's my fault
I'll make sure and explain things to Manami.
Don't blame her too much
She must be taking it hard
Kaahi-wagi
Don't get so cocky
Idiot
Although, I don't think you're much of a match for me
If you don't like it, just try and get back at me.
Who's the idiot? Just because boys won't pay attention to you
You like to gang up on people over something like that. You're the one who's the lowlife

It's really annoying the way girls get jealous.
Don't be trying to get with somebody else's boyfriend!
Because of you, Manami broke up with Okada, you slut!
Girl fight!!
Okada
started liking Sae on my own
Don't hassle her again
at are you guys doing?!

Yeah
We went to the same junior high.
Toji, do you know Momo?
"I don't think there's anybody who would talk badly about her."
She's not two-faced
She's one of those goody-goody girls
You can trust her
Adachi? She's a sweet girl.
If you look hard enough, there's always somebody who'll talk trash
There's no way
We're all buddies from junior high!
Whoever you ask, Miss Momo has a good rep.
She's nice to everyone.
Seriously?

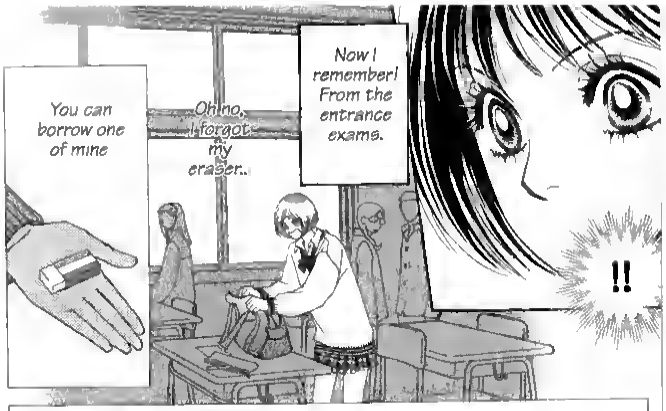
Adachi
Is Momo Adachi absent today?
She's been absent for a whole week
Does anybody know what her deal is?
Who knows?
There's probably something going on
She's really straight-forward and sweet.
I don't think there's anybody who would talk badly about her
She's a good person

Um...
Where's my seat?
What?
I'm Momo Adachi
ざわっ
Thank you
Your seat is over there
This is the perfect Momo?!
She's totally not what I imagined!!
I swear I remember her from somewhere
Uh
Who was that?
G--
Good morning
Good morning

What does she expect with that tan?
Hey, they're talking about you
She seems hard to talk to
ヒソ ヒソ
That Momo girl is kind of scary

Everyone, break up into pairs and practice passing the ball

Adachi


You can borrow one of mine
Ohno, I forgot my eraser..
Now I remember! From the entrance exams.
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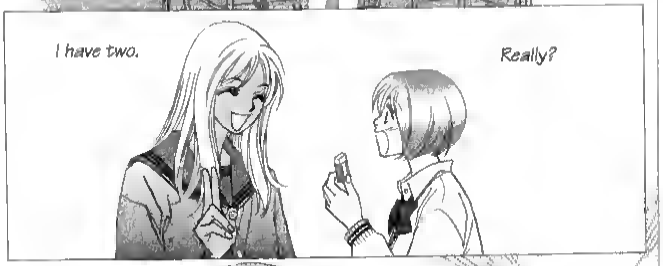
I have two.
Really?

So she's the goody-goody Momo...
どん
Excuse me
Oh—
—I'm sorry
It's that super tanned girl I know it for sure!

Why were you absent for a whole week?
She kinda pisses me off
I had rubella
I caught it from one of my relative's kids
Oh
Then I guess that rumor was false
Rumor?
No
I don't think you should hear it
But...
Whaaaat? Why?
What is it? I'm freaked out What?
That you
had an abortion
Don't worry!!
I didn't believe it!!
I'm Sae
You gave me your eraser during the entrance exams
Do you remember me?
I did?
Okay
I'll partner with you
Yup
We're in the same class?
Oh, so you were the one
"EVERYONE in my junior high"
Tch
It was hard being separated from everyone in my junior high
I'm so glad

I don't have time to take care of you
Sorry I'm popular But only with boys
Is she some kind of id ot?
Momo
Why are you talking to him?
Hey!
Toji.
Here's the notes I took while you were out

And you were kind enough to worry about others then, so I know that you would never do anything bad like that.
Plus during entrance exams everyone is too busy worrying about themselves
I have a feeling we could be good friends.
I'm so glad I gave my eraser to you, Sae
Thank you.
Don't say you think we can become friends so easily
Are you that happy to have someone be nice to you?
What's with her? Is she really that gullible?

I'm going home with these girls today
Sorry
I see
You're not going home yet?
You think so?
Do get the feeling that Sae is trying to be like you, Momo?
But when I bring something new to school, she's got the same thing the next day. It's creepy.
Oh yeah, there are people like that. They're copycats
I know! At first I was happy because I thought we could be twins
Yeah
Whether it's her makeup or her accessories

You need to sit all by your lonesome like an obedient dog!!
Are you mad?
No
Oh!
That hairpin
You bought the same kind as me
I didn't buy this. I had it from before
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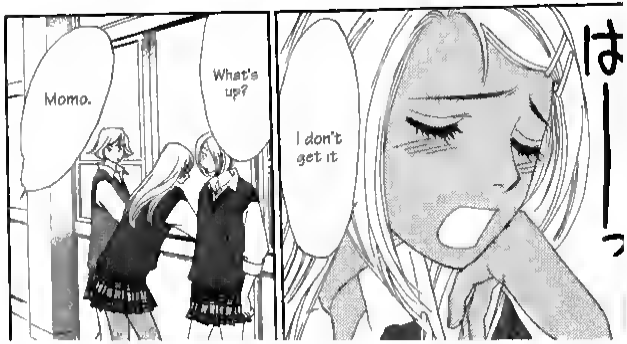
Momo.
What's up?
I don't get it
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That
Then is "that" really the boy that you like, Momo?
What? I haven't told any lies
You asked, so I gave you an answer.
Don't you dare tell anybody!!

He's the kind of guy a girl could brag about
He seems like a player, but he is good looking
That's strange I definitely thought she was into Toji
Kiley Okayasu

But it keeps going on and on so I don't know
I'm not saying that she shouldn't copy me
And it's usually those types that argue they aren't copying
Totally
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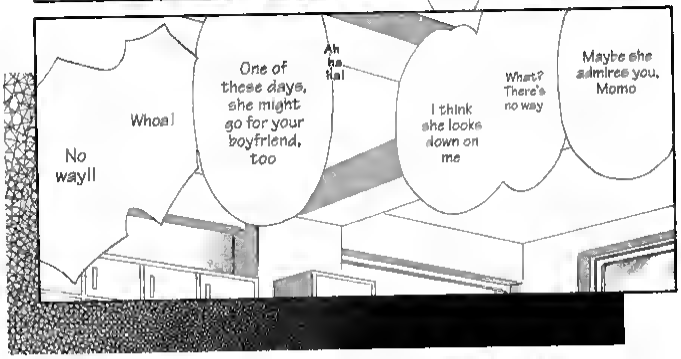
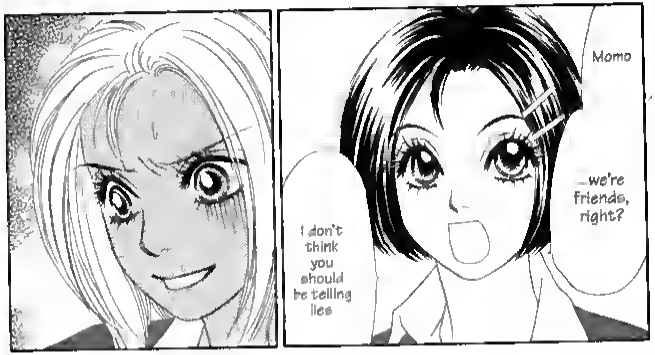
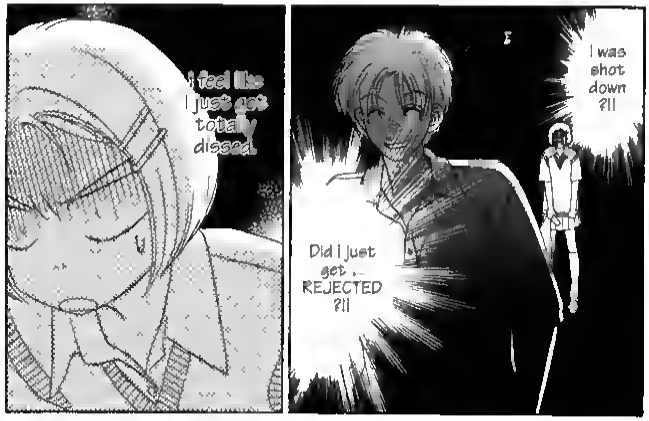
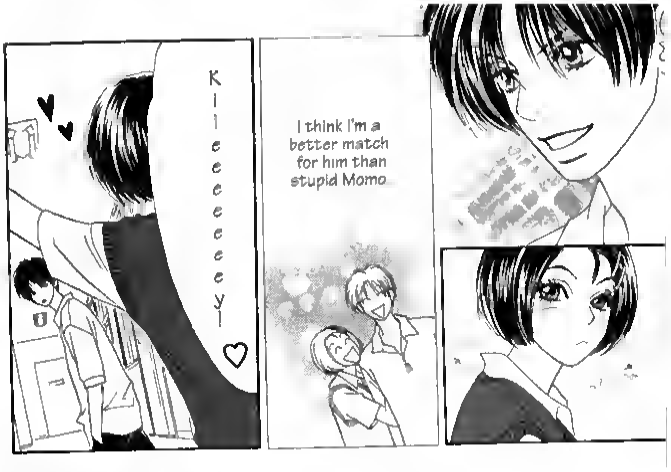
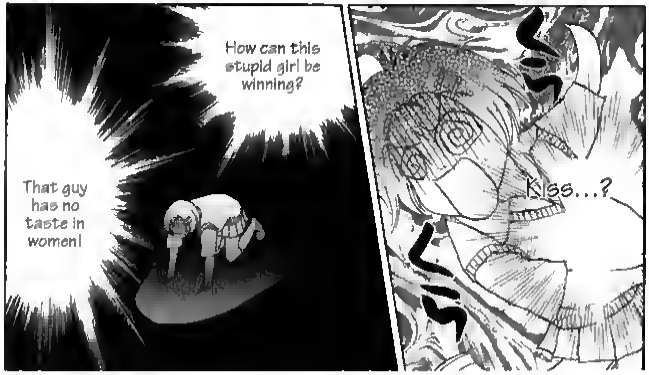

Whoa!
No way!!
One of these days, she might go for your boyfriend, too
Ah ha ha!
I think she looks down on me
What? There's no way
Maybe she admires you, Momo


I don't think you should be telling lies
Momo
—we're friends, right?


I feel like I just got totally dissed.
I was shot down ?!!
Did I just get ... REJECTED ?!!


Kiiiiiiiiiy!
I think I'm a better match for him than stupid Momo

Did you hear?
Kiley and Momo kissed!
Whaaaaat?!


How can this stupid girl be winning?
That guy has no taste in women!
Kiss...?

Cut down in one stroke
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over scrawny girls like you, Sae
And while I'm at it, I'll tell you that I dig healthy girls like Momo
I like girls who are considerate, y'know.

Knock it off already!
Hey... I wonder
Did they really kiss?

I like somebody else!
Just stop You're totally annoying me!
But I like you, Momo!
Why are you following me around?

I've always liked him, since junior high
That's right
What was his name, Toji?
That guy in the print club picture?

Sorry. I don't want to talk right now
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Hey, Momo, did you really kiss Kiley?
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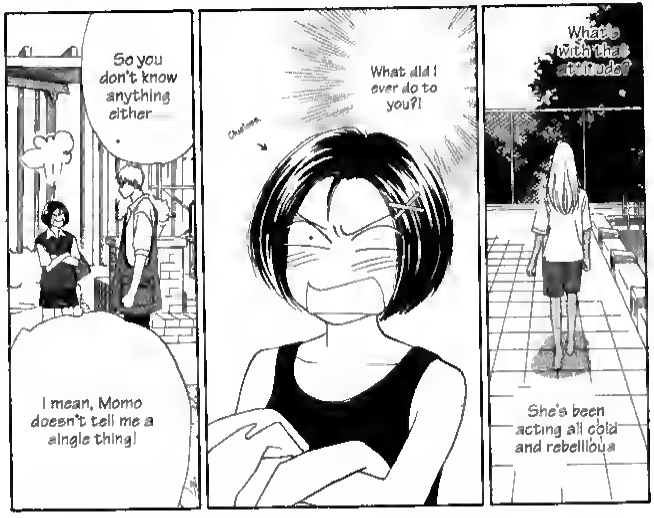
So you don't know anything either.
I mean, Momo doesn't tell me a single thing!
What did I ever do to you?!
Chuhee
What's with that attitude?
She's been acting all cold and rebellious

Well there is now, right here!
"I don't think there's anybody who would talk badly about her."
"She's a sweet girl."
"You can trust her."
"She's not two-faced."
Why me...?
She's totally two-faced.
I heard you talking yesterday.
I'm sorry...
What?
She's not a sweet girl at all!!!

I like Okayasu
Adachi
I'm not lying.
Whaaaaaaaat?

There's no way I'm going to let you have everything!

I like you too, Momo.
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I'll never forgive her

Get away from Toji!!
Sae!!
When she wants something, she'll do whatever it takes to get her hands on it.
Don't let her fool you, Toji
Knock it off, Momo
I'm going to mess things up for you.
Is that what you think of me, Momo?!
How awful!
Knock it off!
You don't even really like Toji
Why are you always copycatting?
I'm totally going to screw with your life, Momo.

I never thought that you were the type to be so unfaithful to your friends, Momo
Knock it off already!!
You disap-point me...
Toji...
This girl isn't a friend of mine!!
That bitch. I'm going to crush her good!

I'm going to make you regret ever making me mad.
Suffer. Suffer.
Nobody's on your side anymore.
Of course Toji is now under my complete control
Now that I've taken the proper measures—
Final Decision!!
SWIM TOURNAMENT
Girls
Asachi Momo

That's awful
Let's give her the cold shoulder
Sae's a piece of work, but weren't they best friends?
Ugh, how horrible
Momo tried to take Sae's boyfriend away by sleeping with him
Did you hear?
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Slut.
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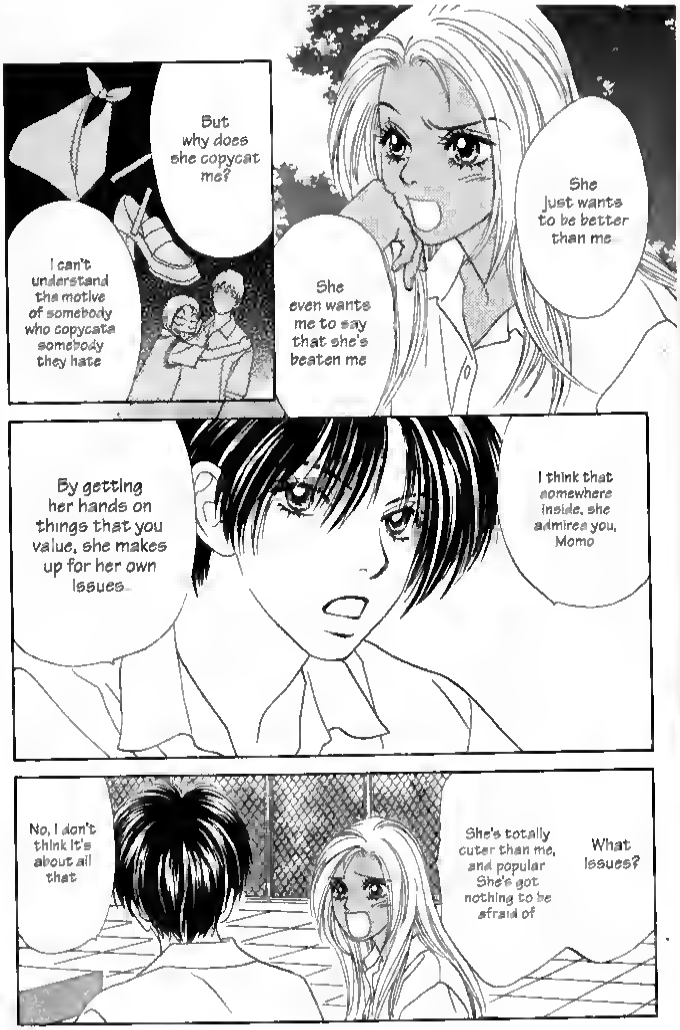
I can't understand the motive of somebody who copycats somebody they hate
But why does she copycat me?
She even wants me to say that she's beaten me
She just wants to be better than me
By getting her hands on things that you value, she makes up for her own issues
I think that somewhere inside, she admires you, Momo
No, I don't think it's about all that
She's totally cuter than me, and popular She's got nothing to be afraid of
What issues?
Maybe if you cry and bow your head to me, I might forgive you.
Do you want to keep this up?
Now what are you going to do?
I don't get it
Why does she have it in for you?
It's totally Sae's world now
I see. So Sae's got the entire class on her side...

What are you thinking about, Toji?
About Momo?
"I can't do this anymore"
"Let's break up."
No
I mean, maybe I shouldn't be the one saying that, y'know?
It's a good thing you aren't dating this guy, Momo.
What a stupid boy.
His mind is totally under my control.

I think she's jealous of that
I think the truth is she's a giant ball of insecurities
You don't have to do anything special
You can be yourself and people like you, Momo
But Sae has to try hard to make herself look good to others
But there's none of that in you, Momo
Looks like
Like acting cute, then knocking others down to make herself look better?

And then it'll be my world.
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Everything is going exactly the way I want.
I can't stop laughing.
If I back her down this far, she's bound to cry for help.

Waaaaaaaaaaah!!
Hey, Adachi!! I don't know what that's about, but there's no reason to hit her!
Apologize to her!
That's right, apologize !!
Get down on your knees!!
What's with you guys ganging up on me?!
This is between me and Sae!
This bitch

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You might be able to feel good about yourself now.
But keep this up, and eventually nobody is going to want to deal with you!!
See, you're making a big mistake
Bow down!
Bow down!
You're the one nobody wants to deal with!!
Promise you'll never do anything like this again!!
Apologize!!

You're awful, Toji!!!
You kissed me and led me on!
Were you lying when you said you loved me?!
Waaaaaaahhhhhh!!
Does that mean that Sae was the one who was lying ?
Which means...
...what?
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悪いのはあの2人よ
Poor me
Blame those two
あたしは可哀想なの
I'm the victim here
被害者なのよおおっ
This is embarrassing There's no use putting up a fight

What are you talking about, Toji?
She hit Sae!
And you're the one who got the crap treatment from Momo, right?!
You guys apologize to Momo!
Shut up!!
Momo is my girlfriend!!
!!

This is totally different from what we heard
What's going on?
Aren't you dating Sae ?
What ?
But you're..

It's over...

You tricked our boyfriends and took them away from ALL of us!

Don't you remember?

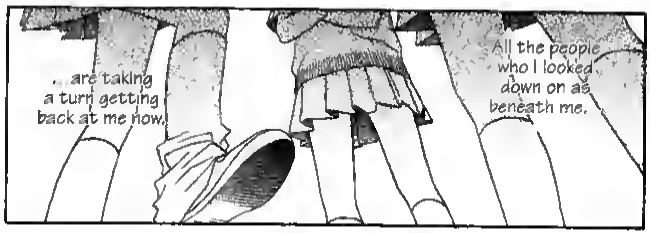
You're always the same Sae

You said you were scared because Momo was bullying you...

and you wanted us to mess with her

That must have been a lie, too.

You told me to go look in the mirror and start over. And then you tore up my concert tickets


...are taking a turn getting back at me now.
All the people who I looked down on as beneath me.

I'm surrounded by enemies
Nobody will talk to me anymore
But she asked for it.
That's sad
Pair off in twos and practice passing the ball
Go somewhere else, loser!
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You're in the way!!
Pitiful
Look. Sae's been left out again.

In front of guys she shows a totally different attitude
But she always had a bad rep with the girls
I'm in shock
But who knew that Sae was that kind of person?
Classroom change
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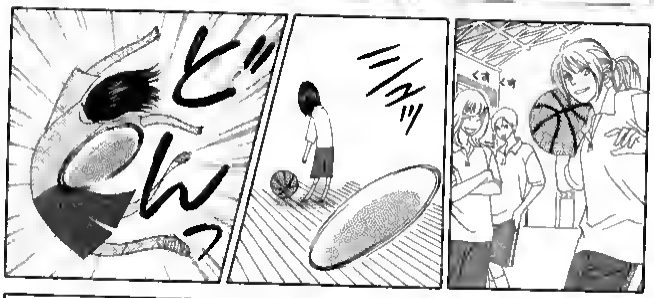
Oh
So I'm alone again
What so we do now?
That was for our presentation!!
Oh no! I don't believe it!

Why am I so lonely...?
But...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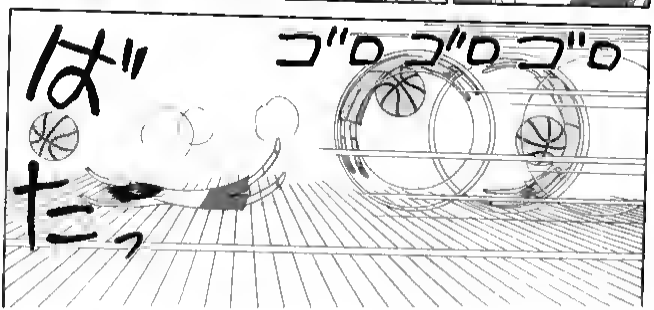
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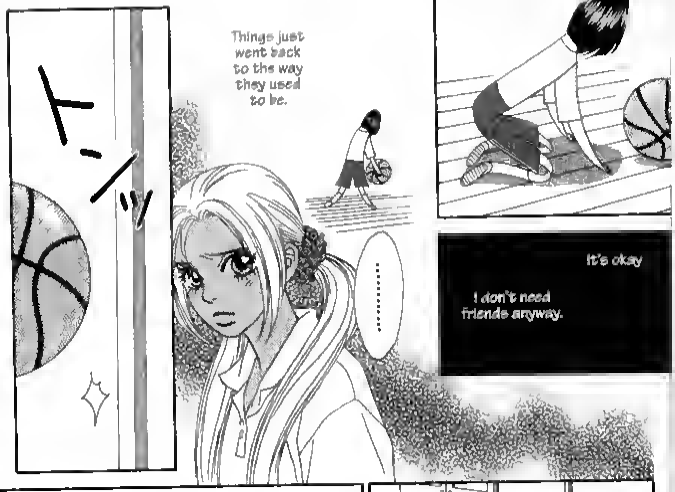
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Things just went back to the way they used to be.
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It's okay
I don't need friends anyway.

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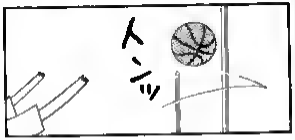
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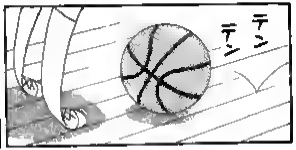
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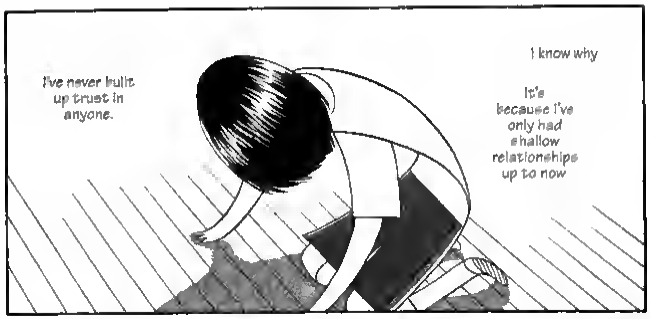
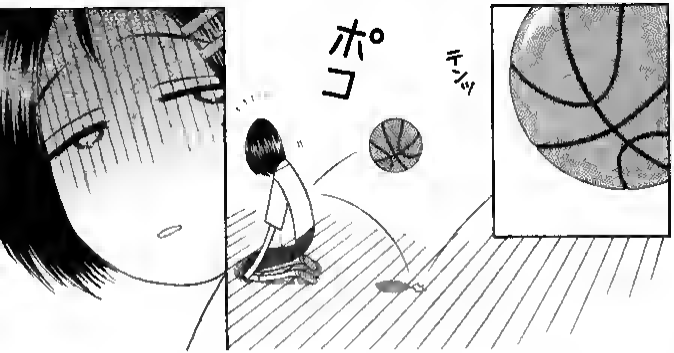

I've never built up trust in anyone.
I know why
It's because I've only had shallow relationships up to now

But I never learned how to do that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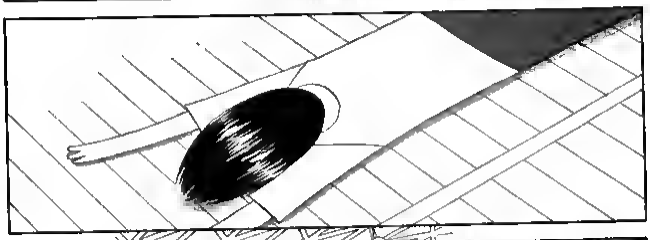
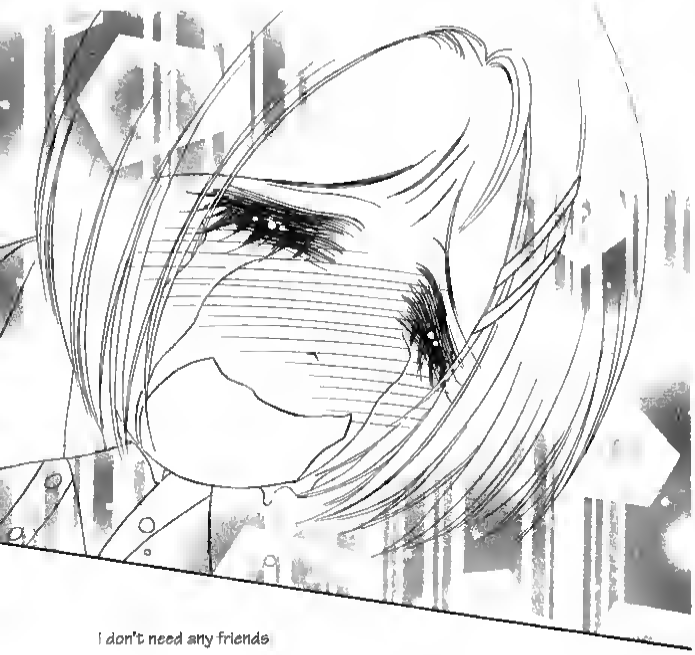
I'm sorrrrry!



Why am I unable to do them?
The things that everyone else can do so easily
Why is it so easy for everyone else? To get a boyfriend or to make friends.

How can she...?
Even after what I put her through...
Oh, I get it.
When she was alone
—I only laughed at her
Here, take this
She's the kind who can show kindness even to an enemy
There's an open space over there.


I don't need any friends

I can't trust anyone

There's no way I can beat her..

She just
might be different
The End

But...

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